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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	
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TAKAAKI FUKUI)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2612
Application No.: 10/714,632)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 3242
Filed: November 18, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS AND)	October 7, 2005
METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND	:	
PROGRAM PROVIDING USER SELECTED)	
HUE AND WHITE BALANCE SETTINGS	:	

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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The two documents were cited in an Official Communication in a corresponding Chinese patent application. Copies of the Japanese documents, and English-language abstracts therefor, are also attached.

Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 11-331665 discloses that an image pickup apparatus displays a menu screen and sets a desired item on the screen. The reference fails to teach or suggest a hue chart.

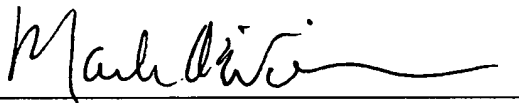
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10-210495 discloses to set an achromatic color extraction range on an image pickup apparatus. The reference fails to disclose displaying a hue chart.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant believes that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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